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The attached published report, dated 29 August 1950, of the IIC and the ICIS has been reviewed. A number of the functions of these committees are of no direct interest to this office and guidance or information concerning these functions can be adequately obtained through a review of committee reports. There are, however, a number of other functions in which this office has a direct interest from the standpoint of our responsibilities for security purposes within CIA. To effectively carry out our responsibilities we should be aware of the thinking and planning of these committees in the event of emergency and in addition information resulting from these programs once put in effect would be of considerable interest and assistance to this office in coordinating its functions and activities in the event of emergency.

It is my recommendation that this office be represented on the main committees of IIC and ICIS as observers in order to keep this office and the Agency adequately informed of developments in this field. It is noted that OSI has a representative on the ICIS sub-committee dealing with methods of unconventional warfare. The main function of this representative is to furnish the sub-committee and the main committee with estimates on capabilities of unconventional warfare directed against the United States. The OSI representative is more concerned with aspects of technical intelligence rather than the overall security viewpoint which is of concern to this office.

As observers on the main committees of IIC and ICIS this office would not be required to participate in the planning and sub-committee work which is of direct concern to other agencies handling those aspects of internal security. As observers, however, CIA would be fully informed of the overall developments of the two committees and any supplementary work of a security nature of direct interest to CIA can then be put in process in the planning stage.

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